



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Health Services  
Director of Children and Family Services  
Director of Mental Health  
Director of Public Social Services

At its meeting held October 25, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Knabe made the following statement:

"I am very concerned about the public health reports we are receiving relative to outbreaks of Hepatitis A among homeless people in the downtown area. The series in the Los Angeles Times highlighting the plight of homeless individuals and families drives home the point further still that there are grievous threats to the health and well-being of anyone who lives and works in those areas. I am also concerned about the health of the County employees that are in the area providing services everyday, and I think it is our responsibility to ensure that steps are taken to protect their health while they are performing this critical public service."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Director of Health Services, in coordination with the Directors of Public Social Services, Mental Health and Children and Family Services, was instructed to:

1. Work to ensure availability of all appropriate health and medical services to mitigate the threat of Hepatitis A outbreaks on Skid Row;
2. Ensure that procedures are in place for County staff to follow if exposed to Hepatitis A, or in a situation where there is a high risk of contracting Hepatitis A; and
3. Report back to the Board on this issue as part of the overall action plan being prepared to further assist families and individuals on Skid Row.

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